## SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS JANUARY 18, 2012 MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Director Acton: Freeholder Laury offered the prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director Acton stated that adequate notice pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act has been given of this meeting.

On Roll Call, the following Freeholders were present: Deputy Director Laury, Freeholders Cross, Vanderslice, Ware, Bobbitt, Timberman and Acton.

Motion was made by Deputy Director Laury to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the December 28, 2011 and January 4, 2012 meetings. Minutes to be received, approved and recorded in the Minute Book, seconded by Freeholder Timberman, and carried 7/0.

### **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

#### SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

## CORRESPONDENCE

#### **GENERAL**

Paul J. Miola, CPCU, ARM, Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services, Inc., letter of thanks for appointment as Salem County Broker of Record

Paul J. Miola, CPCU, ARM, Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services, Inc., Conner Strong & Buckelew is still the agent of record on insurance policies until insurance companies make changes to their records; continue reporting claims to them

James E. Scull, Sr., Director Transportation & Railroad Services, request to authorize County Purchasing Agent to RFP for emergency rail services

Frank H. Maurer, III, letter expressing opinion on recent appointment

Debbie A. Duffield, Salem County Open Space Advisory Committee, letter of resignation from the committee

Jeffrey T. Ridgway, Director Public Works, letter of resignation from position of Deputy Clerk of the Board and Deputy Administrator

Rebecca Puff, Elmer letter expressing concern about request Salem County has made to the Unions

Louis C. Joyce, PP, Planning Director, copy of Ober; MJ 11-93 Block 27, Lots 1, 1.02 & 1.05, Pilesgrove Township deed

Louis C. Joyce, PP, Planning Director, copy of letter to Vince Lanzilotti Delaware River Port Authority regarding West Jersey Short Line Railroad DRPA Resolution #10-025 Certification of Completion and Request for Payment

Joel TeBeest, Director Office of Finance, Department of Human Finances State House Commission approved county per diem rates for the mentally ill and developmentally disabled for period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012

Joel TeBeest, Director Office of Finance, Department of Human Services, charts detailing the New Jersey Department of Human Services' Calendar Year (CY) 2012 estimates of the counties' revenues and expenditures related to various Human Services categories

Terence P. Schrider, Administrator, Neighborhood Programs Unit, Small Cities Block Grant has a grant balance of \$366,030

Andrea Rhea, Puma, Telsey & Rhea, P.A., notice of reorganization and regular meeting for the Salem County Board of Social Services

Diane Telsey, Esq. Puma, Telsey & Rhea, P.A., Carol A. Faiella, Plantiff v. Sunoco, Inc., A Plus Mini Mart, NJ Turpike Authority, State of New Jersey, County of Salem Township of Carneys Point Defendants, stipulation of dismissal as to Defendant County of Salem

Theodore Wilkinson, P.E., Senior Project Manager, Federici & Akin, P.A. Consulting Engineers, Salem Branch Extension – Main Stem Class I Railroad – Phase IV M.P. 21.20 to M.P. 22.84, FRA Grant Agreement – FR-LRI-0024-11-01-00 termination of inspection and management contract – January 2, 2012

Theodore Wilkinson, P.E., Senior Project Manager, Federici & Akin, P.A. Consulting Engineers, Salem Branch Extension – Main Stem Class I Railroad, annual engineering management – various projects termination of inspection and management contract – January 2, 2012

Theodore Wilkinson, P.E., Senior Project Manager, Federici & Akin, P.A. Consulting Engineers, Salem Branch Extension – Main Stem Class I Railroad South Jersey Gas remediation site 5<sup>th</sup> & Howell Streets, City of Salem, settlement issues below railroad bed structure

Daniel J. Bitonti, Cozen O'Connor, PC, the matter of petition of South Jersey Gas Company to modify and extend its existing Capital Investment Recovery Tracker ("CIRT II") pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21.1 and N.J.S.A. 48:2-21; BPU Docket No. GR11100632

Daniel J. Bitonti, Cozen O'Connor, PC, the matter of petition of South Jersey Gas Company to change the level of its Societal Benefits Clause (SBC") and its Transportation Initiation Clause ("TIC"); BPU Docket No. GR10100734 and in the matter of petition of South Jersey Gas to change the level of its Societal Benefits Clause ("SBC") and its Transportation Initiation Clause ("TIC"); BPU Docket No. GR11070438

Bruce D. Garganio, Freeholder Director, County of Burlington, New Jersey American Water petition for rate increase BPU Docket No. WR11070460

County of Monmouth, Resolution opposing SADC position statement regarding medical marijuana and supporting legislation prohibiting the growth or harvesting of medical marijuana on preserved farmland

Kevin Castagnola, Acting Executive Director South Jersey Port Corporation, US Dot Tiger III Delaware River Rail/Port Improvement Program request for NJDOT Funding

#### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

#### **COMMITTEE/COMMISSION MINUTES**

### **PAYMENT OF BILLS & CLAIMS**

#### TREASURERS REPORT

Motion was made by Deputy Director Laury to accept and file the correspondence, and the committee and commission reports and that they be made a part of the Minutes. The motion was seconded by Freeholder Cross. Motion was carried by a hand vote of 7/0.

Motion was made by Deputy Director Laury that all Bills and Claims, when properly signed and audited, be paid and charged to their respective accounts. The motion was seconded by Freeholder Timberman. The motion was carried by a hand vote of 7/0.

Motion was made by Deputy Director Laury that the Treasurer's Report be received and filed, subject to audit, and that a copy be made available to the public, upon request, for its review. Freeholder Cross seconded his motion. The motion carried a hand vote of 7/0.

Director Acton stated that if no Freeholder objected, the resolutions would be read in bulk.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE** – Acton, Vanderslice, Ware

R. 2012-9

**ADMINISTRATIVE** 

RESOLUTION APPOINTING SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR EMPLOYMENT RELATED MATTERS AND AWARDING CONTRACT FOR SAID PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (RUDERMAN & GLICKMAN) (TABLED AT THE JANUARY 4, 2012 MEETING)

R. 2012-61

**ADMINISTRATIVE** 

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT COMPLIANCE OVERSIGHT SOLUTIONS IDEAL

R. 2012-62

**ADMINISTRATIVE** 

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT MEDCO HEALTH SOLUTIONS, INC.

R. 2012-63

**ADMINISTRATIVE** 

RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE TRANSITION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS AND EARL R. GAGE

R. 2012-64

**ADMINISTRATIVE** 

RESOLUTION SEPARATING THE OFFICES OF CLERK OF THE BOARD AND COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

R. 2012-65

**ADMINISTRATIVE** 

RESOLUTION APPOINTING EVERN FORD ADMINISTRATOR OF THE COUNTY OF SALEM

R. 2012-66

**ADMINISTRATIVE** 

RESOLUTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE COMMISSION ON WOMEN

R. 2012-67

ADMINISTRATIVE

RESOLUTION APPOINTING A FREEHOLDER LIAISON TO THE CULTURAL & HERITAGE COMMISSION

R. 2012-68

**ADMINISTRATIVE** 

FINANCE RESOLUTION CANCELLATION OF CHECKS

R. 2012-69

**ADMINISTRATIVE** 

FINANCE RESOLUTION CANCELLATION OF CHECKS

R. 2012-70

**ADMINISTRATIVE** 

FINANCE RESOLUTION CANCELLATION OF CHECKS

R. 2012-71

**ADMINISTRATIVE** 

FINANCE RESOLUTION CANCELLATION OF CHECKS

R. 2012-72

**ADMINISTRATIVE** 

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASES FROM STATE CONTRACT VENDORS

R. 2012-73

**ADMINISTRATIVE** 

RESOLUTION RENEWING A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF OFFICE SUPPLIES FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM AND COOPERATIVE MEMBERS OF PURCHASING SYSTEM IDENTIFIER NUMBER #75SCCPS (W.B. MASON)

R. 2012-74

**ADMINISTRATIVE** 

RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF WEBSITE MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM (\$8,640 – REGGIE SCOTT & ASSOCIATES)

R. 2012-75

**ADMINISTRATIVE** 

RESOLUTION ADOPTING RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING EMERGENCY PURCHASING FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM

R. 2012-76

**ADMINISTRATIVE** 

RESOLUTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE CUMBERLAND/SALEM WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD (WIB)

R. 2012-77

**ADMINISTRATIVE** 

RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2012-38 FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE SALEM COUNTY OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

R. 2012-78

**ADMINISTRATIVE** 

RESOLUTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE HUMAN RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD

R. 2012-79

**ADMINISTRATIVE** 

AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION 2012-1 TO ESTABLISH JOB CLASSIFICATION TITLES AND SALARY RANGES

R. 2012-80

**ADMINISTRATIVE** 

#### **RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 2012-55**

R. 2012-81

**ADMINISTRATIVE** 

RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 2012-56 RESOLUTION APPROVING SIGNATORIES FOR REQUIRED BANK ACCOUNT

R. 2012-82

**ADMINISTRATIVE** 

RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 2012-57 RESOLUTION APPROVING SIGNATORIES FOR REQUIRE BANK ACCOUNT

R. 2012-83

**ADMINISTRATIVE** 

RESOLUTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD

R. 2012-84

**ADMINISTRATIVE** 

RESOLUTION REJECTING ALL PROPOSALS FOR COUNTY LABOR AND LITIGATION COUNSEL FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM

R. 2012-85

**ADMINISTRATIVE** 

RESOLUTION REJECTING ALL PROPOSALS FOR COUNTY SPECIAL COUNSEL-EMPLOYMENT FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM

R. 2012-86

**ADMINISTRATIVE** 

RESOLUTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE SALEM COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION

Freeholder Ware asked if resolution number 5 could be separated.

Freeholder Cross made a motion to take Resolution 2012-9 off the table with Freeholder Vanderslice seconding his motion. As there was no discussion, the motion to take Resolution 2012-9 off the table carried by a hand vote of 7/0.

Clerk of the Board Gage stated now you have that resolution on the regular agenda and what is your pleasure with that.

Deputy Director Laury would like to separate that motion also I'd like to table we're going to ask for a table again on that.

Freeholder Timberman stated I'm sorry what was the motion.

Clerk of the Board Gage stated there's not a motion he simply stated we are going to separate that also because they are going to take separate action on that. So the two that will be separated are one (1) and five (5) so we will proceed with two (2).

Director this will be a motion and discussion on 2, 3, 4 then 6 thru 27.

Deputy Director Laury moved for adoption of these 25 resolutions, with Freeholder Cross seconding his motion.

Freeholder Timberman stated I have questions on resolutions 20, 25 and 26. I want to make sure everybody can hear me because I understand some freeholders have trouble hearing what I say. My question for resolution number 20 is I heard the hourly rate for the purchasing agent is being lowered because the appointment made by the majority wants to be able to continue to receive unemployment benefits my understanding is he wants to get paid by the County but not too much so he can continue to collect benefits is this true?

Director Acton responded are we allowed to talk about personnel.

Clerk of the Board Gage responded it's public record.

Director Acton responded he is taking his certification class for being a CFO and also for purchasing agent and this will allow him to do that.

Freeholder Timberman stated he is continuing to collect unemployment benefits and yet he's employed I don't understand how one can double dip and to that. I mean that sounds like that's a breach of unemployment benefits.

Director Acton stated okay we will look into that and thank you for bringing that.

Freeholder Timberman stated and I would also like to know why are the bids being rejected for the County Labor and Litigation Counsel and why are we rejecting Special Counsel.

Director Acton stated thank you for asking that question I, we like to do our homework and research. I, we did not find a suitable counsel so we are seeking other, taking it out to bid again request for proposals. We were not happy with the ones that were submitted so we are doing our due diligence and going out again. Thank you for asking that.

Freeholder Cross stated if I could to answer Freeholder Timberman's question I know that there are folks that receive unemployment benefits and if they do work that the benefits are factored in so that they reduce down what is paid out to them so although I do not know what the exact case is here that instance does exist.

Freeholder Bobbitt stated is it true he was offered like \$29.00 an hour and he wouldn't accept that because he wanted to remain on unemployment is that correct he broke it down to like \$19.00 an hour or something.

Director Acton stated he lowered his salary to \$19.00 an hour for a 20 hour work week.

Freeholder Bobbitt stated now how can that be separated out because I won't be voting for this. Could that be separated out as well.

Clerk of the Board Gage stated number 20.

Freeholder Bobbitt responded number 20.

Director Acton stated so we will be voting on the 24 resolutions does that change the motion of Freeholder Laury.

Clerk of the Board Gage stated if Freeholder Laury if you amend your motion to separate those out to the 24 resolutions.

Director Laury responded so amended.

Clerk of the Board Gage stated whoever seconded that second that.

Motion second by Freeholder Cross. As there was no further discussion motion carried by hand vote 7/0.

Deputy Director stated now we will be voting on the number R. 2012-9.

Clerk of the Board Gage stated 1 is brought off the table so action for number 1 whatever that would be

Deputy Director Laury made a motion to keep that on the table until at least the next Freeholder Meeting which is either Saturday or February 1<sup>st</sup>. Motion second by Freeholder Cross and carried by a hand vote of 6/1 with Freeholder Timberman against.

Director Acton stated now we'll do resolution number 5

Clerk of the Board Gage stated Resolution Separating the Offices of Clerk of the Board and County Administrator.

Deputy Director Laury moved for adoption of this resolution, with Freeholder Cross seconding his motion.

Freeholder Ware stated we have had one person being Clerk of the Board and Administrator for several years and with us in dire financial straits and going back to our unions asking for concessions, give backs and it's going to increase with the two positions \$7,500 I will not be voting on this resolution to separate.

Director Acton stated thank you for that comment. Actually he will also be doing HR which we are in dire need we have been having a vacancy for I think four months and we are really back logged so I have the upmost confidence that he will be able to take on the challenge of both those positions but again Director Ware or Freeholder Ware I thank you for your comment.

Freeholder Bobbitt stated I concur with Freeholder Ware. We have been trying to consolidate positions people go out through attrition and people that go we're not replacing a lot of people and I think this move is unwarranted for sure.

Deputy Director Laury stated just one thing I want to clear up and Lee your possibly a little bit mistaken we went back to the unions to ask for a delay in their raises not to any concessions they're not any givebacks .

Freeholder Ware stated I'm talking about last year.

Deputy Director Laury stated last year we did this year we did not.

As there was no further discussion, the motion for adoption of resolution R. 2012-64 carried a hand vote of 4/3 with Freeholders Ware, Bobbitt and Timberman against.

Director Acton stated now we will be doing resolution 20.

Clerk of the Board Gage stated Amendment to Resolution 2012-1 to Establish Job Classification Titles and Salary Ranges

Deputy Director Laury moved for adoption of this resolution, with Freeholder Vanderslice seconding his motion. As there was no discussion, the motion for adoption of the resolution 2012-79 carried a hand vote of 4/3 with Freeholders Ware, Bobbitt and Timberman against.

## PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE - Vanderslice, Acton, Bobbitt

R. 2012-87

**PUBLIC SERVICES** 

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ELECTION MATERIALS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING ELECTIONS IN SALEM COUNTY (\$105,000 – DOMINION VOTING SYSTEMS)

Deputy Director Laury stated I would like to make a motion but I would also like to make that contingent on the review of the solicitor, with Freeholder Vanderslice seconding his motion. As there was no discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution carried a hand vote of 7/0.

#### **HEALTH COMMITTEE** – Bobbitt, Cross, Acton

R. 2012-88 HEALTH

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LETTERS OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SALEM COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND SALEM MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS; SALEM HOSPITAL CORP DBA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL SALEM COUNTY AND AMANTE N. DECASTRO (\$750 – SALEM MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS; \$500 – SALEM HOSPITAL CORP DBA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL; \$3,000 – AMANTE N. DECASTRO)

Freeholder Bobbitt moved for adoption of this resolution, with Freeholder Cross seconding his motion. As there was no discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution carried a hand vote of 7/0.

### **SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE** – Timberman, Bobbitt, Laury

R. 2012-89

SOCIAL SERVICES

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN NEW JERSEY TRANSIT AND THE SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS FOR THE FUNDING OF THE SENIOR AND DISABLED RESIDENT TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE ACT

R. 2012-90

SOCIAL SERVICES

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE FOR THE GRANT ADMINISTRATION OF THE ALLIANCE TO PREVENT ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE FOR THE YEAR 2012

R. 2012-91

SOCIAL SERVICES

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG DEPENDENCE OF SOUTHWEST NEW JERSEY INCORPORATED TO PROVIDE MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE SALEM COUNTY INTOXICATED DRIVER RESOURCE CENTER

R. 2012-92

**SOCIAL SERVICES** 

RESOLUTION APPOINTING TWO MEMBERS TO THE SALEM COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

Freeholder Timberman moved for adoption of these four resolutions, with Freeholder Bobbitt seconding her motion. As there was no discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried a hand vote of 7/0.

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE** – Cross, Vanderslice, Timberman

R. 2012-93

**PUBLIC SAFETY** 

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AN APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND PREPAREDNESS FOR FUNDING FOR THE FFY09 I NTEROPERABLE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS GRANT PROGRAM

R. 2012-94

**PUBLIC SAFETY** 

PUBLIC SAFETY RESOLUTION EXECUTING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM THE OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND PREPAREDNESS FOR FUNDING FOR THE FFY09 INTEROPERABLE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS GRANT PROGRAM

R. 2012-95

**PUBLIC SAFETY** 

PUBLIC SAFETY RESOLUTION EXECUTING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM THE OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND PREPAREDNESS FOR FUNDING FOR THE NEW JERSEY DATA EXCHANGE (NJ-DEX) GRANT PROGRAM

R. 2012-96 PUBLIC SAFETY

PUBLIC SAFETY RESOLUTION RENEWING A CONTRACT FOR DENTAL SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM (\$40,170 – DENTRUST DENTAL P.A.)

Freeholder Cross moved for adoption of these four resolutions, with Freeholder Vanderslice seconding his motion. As there was no discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried a hand vote of 7/0.

# TRANSPORTATION, TOURISM, & AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE – Ware, Timberman, Laury R. 2012-97

RESOLUTION AWARDING A SOLE SOURCE LIMITED CONTRACT FOR THE SALEM COUNTY TRANSIT COMMUNITY BUS SERVICE FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM (\$45,000 – PREVOST PARTS, INC,)

Freeholder Ware moved for adoption of this resolution, with Freeholder Timberman seconding his motion. As there was no discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution carried a hand vote of 7/0.

### **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE** – Laury, Ware, Cross

R. 2012-98

**PUBLIC WORKS** 

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SALEM AND ELSINBORO TOWNSHIP

R. 2012-99 PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF AUTO PARTS (\$25,000 – CARLSON'S AUTO PARTS)

R. 2012-100 PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF AUTO PARTS AND REPAIRS (\$30,000 – SJ TRANSPORTATION, INC.)

R. 2012-101 PUBLIC WORKS

# RESOLUTION TO APPROVE HEAVY EQUIPMENT REPAIRS (\$25,000 – PENN-JERSEY MACHINERY)

R. 2012-102 PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR AUTO PARTS AND REPAIRS (\$25,000 – BAYSHORE FORD)

R. 2012-103 PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF CHANGE ORDER #2 FOR REMOVAL OF BEAM GUIDE RAIL AND INSTALLATION OF BEAM GUIDE RAIL AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGH THE COUNTY OF SALEM (\$12,764.50 – ROAD SAFETY SYSTEMS, LLC)

Deputy Director Laury moved for adoption of these six resolutions, with Freeholder Ware seconding his motion.

Deputy Director Laury stated on resolution number 39 this is a very good example of shared services not only just between counties but between the county and the township we share a planner we have a county planner full time we share him with Elsinboro and they pay a hourly rate for him it's a win, win for both we get income for his time and they save money they don't have to have a full timer with significant funds towards a planner so it's a win for all of us.

Freeholder Cross stated I was just going to add to that same sentiment that I know that Elsinboro Township is extremely happy with Mr. Joyce services its one of those working relationships that we encourage and for any of those other municipalities that might be out there in the crowd tonight we strongly encourage you to take advantage.

As there was no further discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried a hand vote of 7/0.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Freeholder Ware stated I would like to comment and I would like to know what your plans are for the waivered resolution for special counsel. At reorg day which as a waivered resolution counsel did not have a chance to review it as you saw in today's paper he was treated very unfairly in the press which I resent he's just doing his job and this is not rocket science everybody knew there was a conflict there and I just want to know what our plans are and I have no problem with the motions and everything what I have a problem again is we are in these dire financial straits and we're adding special counsel when we have a very capable counsel here who is doing his job. So what are your plans with this waivered resolution?

Director Acton stated Freeholder Ware with all due respect and I'm sure the council will concur that there is no discussion on a waiver on a tabled motion.

Freeholder Ware stated it's not a tabled motion.

Clerk of the Board Gage stated this is not a tabled motion Director this is the one that was voted on. Director Acton stated this is still in review legally and we anticipate taking action on Saturday. I had just spoken to our solicitor about that so thank you for asking that.

Freeholder Bobbitt stated in the same vein Freeholder Ware was talking about I think Ross was treated unfairly in the paper today. If anybody should have known it was a conflict it should have been Ray and Masten they know it's a conflict they are lawyers as well if they didn't know and Mr. Vanderslice didn't know how do you expect Ross to know.

Director Acton said and as I said we are reviewing it but thank you for your comments.

Freeholder Timberman stated I also would like to clarify a mix up that was stated in the paper. The reason why the new minority voted against the shadow counsel was because again it would be expending funds unnecessarily we already have one solicitor one counselor why would we agree to have a shadow solicitor so that was a misunderstanding in the news paper we certainly did not know of the potential conflict when we voted no.

Deputy Director Laury stated hiring special counsel is not new to last year you hired several special counsels so it's not new to do that and is it a waste of money, no if it's special counsel it brings special talent to the table that our existing solicitor doesn't have.

Freeholder Cross stated I've heard a couple different situations here if I'm correct I think any potential wrong doing is alleged at this particular time. I mean this is going up to Trenton and I mean there is no I mean as far as I don't think any of us are lawyers around the table but at this point and time I think it's alleged. I mean that would actually have to play out in the court of law and not the court of public opinion.

Director Acton stated so noted.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Freeholder Cross stated I had the opportunity to travel up to Monmouth County to check out their 911 Center this week or last week I guess Friday with the Sheriff the Prosecutor and several other employees police chiefs from around the county we wanted to see what good looked like. We are going to make an attempt to give our folks out at the 911 Center the tools that they need to be successful we talked to some of the police chiefs and I guess there is area for improvement there. On the law enforcement side they do a fantastic job with the fire and EMS but unfortunately for them they've been kind of had go to through a baptism by fire so we are going to try to get them the tools that they need but we wanted to see what good looked like amazing facility up there they've shadowed after the rock up there in Trenton and to kind of give you an indication of what we were looking at up there in Monmouth County the Sheriff's budget is our entire budget so a little bit different scenario up north be we look forward to making some advances with our 911 Center and those folks that work out there.

Director Acton stated thank you Freeholder Cross and thank you Sheriff for initiating that tour that's what's it is all about seeing what other counties do and how we can enhance our system.

## **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Director Acton asked Freeholder Timberman if she wanted to talk about the Commission on Women.

Freeholder Timberman stated I know we have a date on, I'm sorry but I want to be heard, March 21<sup>st</sup> is our Commission on Women luncheon and we will be announcing the winners of the Women of Achievement. That will probably be released to the paper.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Patty Bomba, Carneys Point, in Today's Sunbeam dated January 9<sup>th</sup> Freeholder Director Acton said the residents of Salem County deserve to know what is happening with their government. If this does indeed represent the philosophy of the Board of Chosen Freeholders then I am at a loss as to why there has not been no public comment concerning the renewal of Debbie Behnke's contract as Director of the Office of Disabilities Services or if it is not being renewed then an explanation as to why she is not being reappointed. I was first introduced to Debbie 10 years ago when I was appointed to Disability

Advisory Board as a result of my involvement in the planning process for a place for Sammy. I quickly learned that Debbie was the go to person for disability issues blazing the trail for those looking for answers even before being appointed as Director of the Office of Disabilities Services. Ms. Behnke has brought her experience talent determination and passion to the position of Director. Prior to this position she was the lone source of information on the needs of the disabled in our county providing direction and assistance to those most in need of help. She gained this knowledge as a result of trying to find resources to help her own disabled child, now grown, to reach his fullest potential. She has utilized this education to become a very resourceful leader educator and champion for the disabled in our county and beyond. Some of her many accomplishments include Freedom Village 10 years in the making is now a reality, the establishment of Disability Awareness Day in 2004 which is now an annual event, under Ms. Behnke's direction the department was awarded \$12,000 for a medical needs shelter, two years before being appointed by the state as a liaison to the Access and Functional Needs Committee now a mandated state requirement Ms. Behnke was ready with a truck trailer and equipment the implementation of Shelter in Place which educates here consumers on preparedness should they be confined at home during an emergency, the establishment of Register Ready a database comprised of 400 disabled people and still growing. Her foresight proved invaluable during Hurricane Irene when Salem County was one of only two counties with a special needs shelter. Not only did she man the shelter 24/7 for four (4) days she made sure other members of her staff stayed with disabled residents who were displaced and housed at Friends Village. In this time of tight fiscal budgets Ms. Behnke has been instrumental in securing funds for our special needs equipment. In addition we received \$150,000 from the state for PASP Personal Assistance Services Program because Salem County has its own full time office. Well my focus so far has been on the Disability Office I would like to point out that Ms. Behnke oversees many offices including the Office on Aging, Mental Health, Drug and Alcohol to name a few with many other duties including COC, Continuum of Care which involves the oversight of housing and homelessness issues. In addition Ms. Behnke goes beyond her official duties to ensure that the needs of at risk citizens are met. For example, some items not found on the monthly office report are after arranging for a FEMA house trailer for a flooded family, Ms. Behnke along with her Administrative Assistant Kathy Massey personally cleaned out the victims flooded house. She was on call for law enforcement for mentally ill developmentally delayed and autism issues. She attends IEP, Individual Education Plan, meetings as a student and family advocate for the educational needs of the disabled she fields calls for housing transportation and equipment. She personally arranged to house for a local homeless couple hotel over the Thanksgiving weekend. She spent Christmas Eve with a terminally ill advisory board member and her family during the members final hours. She meets with school officials to assist with ADA issues. Ms. Behnke has demonstrated her willingness to go above and beyond her official duties to improve the quality of life for many of our citizens disabled and otherwise. To my knowledge there has been no negative feedback concerning her job performance. I am personally very disturbed by the delay in Ms. Behnke's reappointment the silence in which inquires have been made have been met could lead on to think that this has become a political issue. I would hate to think that our most vulnerable citizens could become political pawns when the needs for services is so apparent and critical. Unless you have experienced a disability either personally or with a family member it is extremely difficult to understand the magnitude of physical emotional and financial challenges faced by those who do. I pray that none of you is ever faced with a disability but I would ask you to try to place yourself in the shoes of those dealing with disabilities when making future decisions that will impact those with special needs. The loss of Ms. Behnke would place our disabled population in jeopardy and would be a major loss for all of Salem County. I am respectfully, let me rephrase that, we are respectfully requesting that you reappoint Debbie Behnke for all of Salem County.

Director Acton stated Ms. Bomba thank you so much. I just wish Debbie was here to hear this testament and I concur with you. No action has been taken this is truly a hold over. We as I've said before want to do our due diligence. I know Freeholder Vanderslice he is a new Freeholder would like the opportunity and has scheduled the opportunity to meet with Ms. Behnke for a tour and to go over her department so I see in the near future that this issue be taken care of but thank you. As I've said to you on the phone please I always welcome conversation, discussion I'm not afraid to speak to anyone I'll give you my honest thoughts and opinions and that's what it's all about so thank you.

Freeholder Cross stated Patty I can tell you I can honestly tell you that Debbie and I had a conversation. I've already reached out Brian Everingham who is the head of the state program that Ms. Behnke is a part of and what I've been told there's been no change so she is still serving on all the state committees that she's been serving on in the past all the paperwork and all the verbal okays have been taken care of so everything is just continuing on as it was.

Freeholder Timberman stated I don't feel that that is good enough we have an employee that is very valuable who has been offered positions in the past maybe unbenounced to you by the state and by the federal offices. Debbie did not go to college for the knowledge that she has she went to the college of hard knocks she learned everything she knows from experiencing it and some people tend to hoard information but Debbie tends to share that information so she has more information that she has shared with us as freeholders but all of the citizens of the county and for us to even consider not reappointing her because we are looking at options that you knew on November 8<sup>th</sup> were your options you had almost two (2) months to renew that contract and look at people and interview people I think that you are sending a message of no confidence to Debbie and I would like to make a motion from the floor to renew here contract expiring December 31, 2014 motion second by Freeholder Ware.

Freeholder Bobbitt stated I feel like the rest of the folks here I don't feel that Mr. Vanderslice looking at her office of what she does has any reflection. We all know the job that Debbie Behnke does and I think we should vote for her tonight to reinstate her let her record speak for herself. We all know what she does. I think Freeholder Vanderslice could rely on our voting for her to see that we're doing the right thing.

Deputy Director Laury stated I would like to table that motion until Saturday with Freeholder Cross seconding his motion. Motion to table carries by hand vote of 4/3 with Freeholders Ware, Bobbitt and Timberman against.

Buster Burden, Woodstown, I take what you are doing to Debbie personal and offensive how can you sit there and let her go through this crap when you had two months to do this. I'm very upset with you right now and I'm very upset with the majority. Debbie is the Mother Theresa of Salem County and the fact that she stayed with a dying family member that was on the Advisory Council for the Disabled that says a lot about Mother Theresa and that's what I'm going to start calling her. I think you need to just make that motion and stop playing footsies or whatever you want to do make the motion accept it and that's it. Debbie's record speaks for herself and I've had enough of this politics stuff leave Debbie's job out of the politics let her do what she's supposed to be doing enough is enough. Get our acts together and thank you.

Martha Rodgers, Pennsville, in the home that my husband and I built in 1952. I believe you all know by know my interest as chairman of the Legislative and Resolution Chairman of the Women's Club of Woodstown is in correcting the traffic light at the corner Routes of 40 and 45 and secure it for all travelers who must use this route. It has been 11 years since that unsafe light was turned over to the public the traffic pattern has changed, cost has gone up and nothing has been done to alleviate the problem for the public. It is a new year you have two new members, congratulations, with new ideas but this is an old problem and that is not going to correct itself nor is it going to go away. It is on the front burner of things to do, is it on the front burner of things to do? I understand the Freeholder Mr. Laury is the new liaison between the public and the traffic light. I hope you haven't lost my telephone number. I have with me tonight seven members including myself of the Women's Club of Woodstown who would like to have positive information to report back to our members at our meeting on Friday January 20<sup>th</sup>. Stand up ladies. I have seven of my members the lady in the far up against the wall is our president and the others are here in support of my traffic light. The Women's Club of Woodstown is not a political organization it is a community organization of ladies who are interested in being of assistance whenever the need arrives whether it's local, statewide or national. We raise funds to award a \$1,000 scholarship annually to a deserving student graduating from the Woodstown High School who plans to attend college. Monetary awards to deserving students who excel in various scholastic

classes, finance a student to attend girls career institute at Douglas College for a week in June. This young lady is chosen from one of the students that are planning to attend college. She spends a week at Douglas College learning what college life is all about. She will attend workshops to learn from successful ladies from various occupations. There was a time when I graduated from high school a woman was only educated as a nurse, a teacher or social today they can be an engineer whatever they decide to be lawyer, doctor This year the project for the state, wait a minute I'm skipping something here. We assist by raising funds for the New Jersey State Federation of Woman's Club with their yearly project our local organization is connected to a state and a national. This year the project for the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Club is Gilda's Club of New Jersey an organization that is working to stamp out breast cancer. Last year it was autism and the year before domestic violence. We take on national organizations and the entire and every woman's club in the state raises funds and contributes to the national for there and it all goes into one pot. We are collecting pennies at every meeting to purchase a bicycle for a doctor overseas to use as he travels to villages to care for his patients. At Christmas we sent stockings to our servicemen filled with items they can use and we decorated several 2 foot Christmas trees and delivered them to the Elmer Hospital for their patients the patients that have to be in the hospital during the holiday season and much more We are a dedicated busy group of ladies but we found the time to be concerned about this unsafe traffic light at Routes 40 and 45 within our community. We would assist you the Board of Chosen Freeholders with this unsafe traffic light as long as it's not in conflict with the bylaws of our nonprofit status. We do not want to lose our nonprofit status. Thank you ladies and gentlemen for allowing me time I appreciate all that you do for the county.

Deputy Director Laury stated Mrs. Rogers I haven't forgotten your telephone number we'll be in touch I think Freeholder Bobbitt and I will agree that we have secured a commitment from Wawa at least to do part of that intersection and we are going to keep you and your committee advised. Is that true Freeholder?

Freeholder Bobbitt responded absolutely yes.

Mrs. Rogers stated very good that's a step in the right direction.

Jennifer Coombs, while this board may be very well aware of why I am here I would just like to summarize quickly for the public and anyone else that does not know my affiliation with the freeholder board my name is Jennifer Coombs I live at 18 Route 77 Upper Pittsgrove Township, Salem County. I'm here on behalf of an organization called Stop the Poles where we had fought Atlantic City Electric for approximately four years regarding the Orchard Substation that they placed on Bridgetown Road 38 steel poles they placed down Bridgetown Road and they have attempted to go down Route 77 in the DOT easement twice they've tried other routes numerous times and they've been met with opposition at least 6 different ways they've tried. Well for the third time in four years they've come back to Route 77 again. They want to go back down Route 77. If anybody knows the particular area of Route 77 it's between mile markers 10 and 12 if your familiar with Roork's Supply Store there to about the Cumberland County line it's about 1.4 mile stretch they want to put about 18 steel poles in much like the ones on Bridgeton Road its parallel roads and run a 230 KB line. This line is not a necessity it is a backup line. They are saying the PJM which is the head of the electricity grid has mandated this line they haven't shown us the mandate. The mandate that came out was from 2005 they haven't supplied us with any new information. I'm just here tonight to let the freeholder board know that we are involved. I have done my OPRA request to the DOT for their application that the electric company put in, the maps. I also contacted Atlantic City Electric and asked them to provide the information they have not of course provided that yet. This board and Mr. Gage have been clearly instrumental in getting things done with the electric company in the past. I am very hopeful that your support will continue on with this. This board is concerned about the safety of Route 77. There is a horrendous intersection there Elmer Shirley Road and Route 77 and two very dangerous curves on that road which the DOT is very well aware of and it's a farming community. There are many issues with that not to mention the people's homes in that area. Freeholders again are very well aware of it they knew the application had been filed the day that I did and Mr. Gage kindly called me and said look this is what's going on so I'm just hopeful that we'll have your support and as soon as I know anything I'll contact you but I wanted to make it public and make sure everyone on the board knew and I understand your next meeting is February. I'm sure we'll have information by then but I'm assuming it will start with a special meeting with Atlantic City Electric much like maybe we did in Pittsgrove come out to Upper Pittsgrove Township much like we did with the Pittsgrove residents and go up the ladder from there. I guess we'll see where we have to go.

Deputy Director Laury stated Jennifer we are in support of that I know that they are ugly looking poles and they are dangerous and as we go along there will probably be a letter of support that we will be voting on as a freeholder board as we go along.

Ms. Coombs stated in the past your board and I apologize Director Acton I was going to get the resolutions to you but your board has done two resolutions in the past again we've offered to cooperate with them to go underground the local farmers in the area they haven't contacted us they don't want to hear anything about underground I provided them information. I was just in Atlantic City at the Vegetable Grower's Convention and I happened to trip thank God I didn't fall but I tripped over a manhole cover and I looked down and on it, it said, ACE. If you look up in the sky in Atlantic City there's not a single pole down there it's all underground. You cannot tell me that Atlantic City is not energized by a little 69 KB line and guess what they have a whole lot of electricity pumping through down there to light up those lights so it's possible they just don't want to do it. The money that they have spent trying to go all these different routes show me the numbers now because now all the money that they have spent trying to fight this they probably could have put it underground I don't even know how many times now with all the reports engineers and lawyers so you've done your resolutions in support I have at least two of them and again you've been very diligent in providing us with meetings getting things done.

Director Acton stated and we will continue to do that. Thank you so much.

Jeff Hogan, Pennsville, in the dictionary under transparent it says part of the definition is open frank and easily understood. When I was a Freeholder on this board under the leadership of Freeholder Director Ware he was very adamant about the positions that were unpaid and I quote from a January 9<sup>th</sup> Sunbeam article "I don't believe unpaid positions should be political" said Ware "if the people do a good job and care about what they are doing they deserve the spot they deserve to serve" and right under that it says Acton says said is working with Ware to address this issue. Madam Director I don't know what your issue is but I'll tell you what mine is. The week of January 6<sup>th</sup> the reorganization for Social Services was to take place on January 6<sup>th</sup> and my wife and myself were prepared to go to this meeting as she has done for the last five years. That night January the 5<sup>th</sup> I went to a card game and I got a phone call at 9:00 and my wife said to me Jeffery you'll never guess what happened and I had no idea and she said I was not reappointed to the Social Services Board and I said you got to be kidding me and she said to me well it's politics I understand because she's pretty gracious and I said well I'm very upset about it. So she continued to tell me that Kathy had called the freeholder board the majority for some information about her board and nobody called her back.

Director Acton stated she did not call me.

Mr. Hogan stated I'm just repeating what she said to Pam and she also said to Pam that she was sorry that this happened she had nothing to do with it and she only found out that Thursday that Pam wasn't being reappointed. I think the thing that bothers me the most is all you guys Dale, Robert, Ben and Julie I've known you guys for a long time and I thought we were friends. For none of you to call my wife and tell her she was not reappointed was wrong, very upsetting and the fact that had Kathy not called her she would have gone to that meeting the next night only to be told she wasn't appointed, reappointed. That would have been terribly embarrassing to her so I'm not here for an apology the damage is already done but what I do want is the four of you Julie, Ben, Robert and Dale to take the words respect and courtesy and apply it to the county employees and the board members they earned it and never treat anyone again like you did my wife. Good evening.

Director Acton stated thank you Jeff and thank you again for serving on the Office on Disability you have been a true asset on that board.

Warren Wieting, Alloway an old saw bringing it back up again you know, who am I. I'm a retired tech service engineer, Lee and I talk about it. I'm 76. I'm concerned about the high cancer death rate in Salem County. God put me on a spot that we have swamp pink. Swamp Pink is an indicator plant for 4.5 ph water now who the heck am I. I'm a night school degree chemist. Ten years at night work all day school all night, seemed like all night. I am a mechanic because I have eight years in the ready reserve navy, naval air. My wifes missionary in the sense that she goes on mission trip, I'm an usher I care about people and the board of health says you can raise your family in your home, you can sell your home, and the new people moving in can't raise their children in your home unless they put in a new well or they put in a water conditioning system. I have an article and all I'm asking is either the Sunbeam publish it if the county reinforce the idea that guys if you have iron in your water you have metal, metal in your water. You know you're getting a lot of comments recently about wells that are radioactive. That well was radioactive 20 years ago. What's going on is your checking for radio nuclear ties radium you have to test within two days of sampling not when you get to it. And all of a sudden, I lived in Turnersville all of a sudden they had a radioactive well. Bridgeton went on water rationings they suddenly have radioactive water. They always had it. You know we have the highest cancer death rate. I keep repeating it nobody seems to care you know I know people get the CO and when they get in they turn the water conditioner off. I have a rental water conditioner and we get tested every year and the guy comes in and says everything's great and I mentioned something to the technician I said I have a wood stove and I have a trivet on it I boil water, I heat water raise the RH in my home. The salt in that trivet in my home with a water conditioner all white they are not blue, blue is copper. People drink their pipes. Look at the periodic tables copper is heavier than iron, iron is a cusp. Please make people aware. We're raising children Autism, Alzheimer's metal in the rain. Where did it come from? The most abundant metal on the planet is magnesium the next most abundant is aluminum and aluminum was showing up in Autism I mean Alzheimer's patients because I think what's going on with Alzheimer's is going to help tremendously with Autism because it's postmortem. What I'm asking is please just check it out with the board of health if you want. I've updated it mostly because I work on friends and neighbors homes and when I get into the toilet tank there's mud in the toilet tank.

Director Acton stated thank you so much for bringing this awareness to our attention. Freeholder Bobbitt is now the liaison to the Health Department so I am sure he will bring that back to the Health Department and make them aware and see how you can partner with this education.

Mr. Weiting stated you see where I'm coming from. The CO's and then people turn them off. I mean it's absurd. I guess it's good it's helping Social Security we keep them solvent in South Jersey. Thank you.

Director Acton stated I read your prior report I will try to get a copy of this one and read this one also.

Mr. Weiting stated I can send an email too. The whole idea is the mud in the tanks is what really got me going and I'm hearing so much my eldest son died of Leukemia and now the second son has got Leukemia. Come on.

Freeholder Timberman in light of what he's telling us and of course in light of what Emerson Eisele has always told us we have not reappointed the watershed management group that the county, I don't know that the county oversees. I know that we used to have it and we haven't done it in years. I'm wondering if we can reinvigorate that committee. I don't know that the administration of it is but I think we need to look into that again.

Clerk of the Board Gage stated a special Ad Hoc Committee with your permission Director.

Director Acton stated in fact Debbie Duffield was here

Freeholder Timberman stated she just left

Director Acton stated yes and she was chair of it.

Mr. Wieting stated I'm a volunteer.

Jim Yanis, Alloway Township, I will try to obey the Madam Director's instructions 2 minutes. Let me offer congratulation to all the elected and reelected freeholders of Salem County may the coming year of 2012 be a good one for the taxpayers of Salem County. I spent time in the US Navy and to keep a ship running you worked or stood a watch for four hours and then eight hours off 24/7. You relieved your shipmate 10 minutes before your four hour watch. I had the honor of being at a changing of the admiral's in charge at Norfolk Naval Base. I imagine what was said then and this would apply to the public also I imagine that it was said then by the admiral that took over can perhaps apply to the freeholder board he said everything will remain the same for the next ten minutes. Keep up the good work. God Bless.

Joe Gornetski - I just want to say one more thing about Ms. Behnke. I met her like six years ago. I was homeless suffering from mental illness, health illness and addiction. I'm disappointed that it wasn't resolved tonight and I just wanted to give a little testimony how she helped me. I didn't realize everything she did for all the other residents of Salem County or her different job titles and descriptions I just wanted to support her in some way and hopefully things will go right Saturday when you make your decision.

Perter Voros Pittsgrove, just to clear up something I thought I heard you say in the beginning Director Acton did you say there was a job offer to someone for \$29 and then they came back to you requesting the job for \$19 because they want to do a fraud with the unemployment, and you're agreeing to this. Did you say that on the record?

Director Acton responded we said we would look into it.

Mr. Voros stated well I think on the record you said that the job was offered for \$29. You said it or Beth said it.

After Freeholder Timberman said something I said I was going to look into it.

Mr. Voros stated well let me caution you because from what I heard and I just want to clear that up because this is a big legal issue you'd be a party to unemployment fraud you cannot use unemployment as a college fund. If this person needs to get a degree let them go get their degree and then give them the job they can't use unemployment to compensate their time that they are not actually on the job doing the work. My recommendation would be to walk away from this or maybe run away from this person and actually hire somebody that's got the certificate to be the purchasing agent because not only do they need a purchasing agent certificate I think there is two other qualifications that the state put on them that they have to get certified for to hold that position so it's not just the one its three actual certifications and it will take time to get it and you don't want to land yourself into penalties or fines by not purchasing things properly or going through the proper procedures. Thank you.

Director Acton stated thank you Mr. Voros thank you so much.

Sherman Wood, Lower Alloways Creek, I'll direct it to Ben because it's something you said I just want to clarify because I didn't understand it.

Director Acton stated excuse me it has to go through the chair.

Mr. Wood stated I'm sorry I'll talk to you and then you can relay it him, however you choose do it.

Director Acton stated sorry Robert Rules.

Mr. Wood stated got it. Union employees would be asked to make some delays in a raise or something to that effect and what you said was there would be no give backs or concessions could you clarify exactly I don't know what that means in other words if it's a delay does that mean they wouldn't take the raise now and then you would pay it back in full.

Director Acton stated Mr. Wood I'm going to have our County Administrator answer that

Clerk of the Board Gage stated well I'm actually no longer the Administrator but just to clarify that I will what they asked to do because there is a shortfall financially this year they asked the unions rather than taking the raise effective January 1<sup>st</sup> that they delay that for 90 dayswhile the freeholders negotiated some kind of compromise with those unions for those raises that's what they asked for so they asked them to delay it for 90 days and during that 90 period they would attempt to negotiate some kind of reduction for lack of a better term for that.

Mr. Wood stated so I guess my question would be so that delay would they recover that.

Clerk of the Board Gage responded yes.

Emerson Eisele, Upper Pittsgrove Township, I'm a member of ANJEC that stands for Association of Environmental Commissioners I'm a member of the IECA that's International Erosion Control Association and yes I'm a member of the New Jersey Farm Bureau. In 2002 I came to the freeholders to make them aware of the problems that we are having with our lakes and streams. In 1971 the United States government came up with this Soil Erosion Sediment Act to protect land and water from storm water runoff. I believe Lee Ware was around that time I know he's been around quite a while and I think he can recall some of the conversations we've had but there was a Freeholder Ben Timberman. I convinced him to come up with an idea he created what they called the Salem County Lakes and Waterways Committee and we did get a grant for doing what they call a survey it's called a bathymetric study of Avis Mill Lake. Avis Mill Lake is owned by the people of Salem County and the study confirmed there were high concentrations of nitrates and phosphates and excessive sediment. Today we still have that excessive sediment and the high nitrates. All our lakes are filling in at an ordinary rate. That's one of the problems we've been having with the floods. You can open your dams before the floods but if your lake is filled up with sediment there's no place for the water to come when it does rain. For instance, like the Elmer Lake. By the way I'd like to thank Ben Laury for addressing that issue with the dam and the bridge I'm looking forward for that being open in the near future. Thanks Ben. I think what we need to do as a matter of fact I did approach Ben Laury I called him the other day and I said would you attend a meeting with the Governor with me and I also contact Beth Timberman and Ben told me he says yes I'd be looking forward to that anything that I can do to help the people of Salem County and I hope Beth will also attend this meeting with me.

Freeholder Timberman stated if the Governor will have me.

Mr. Eisele stated I'm looking forward to it. I think everybody well not everybody the freeholders have all seen this tape that I made. It made it to the oceanic research center. It identifies all the sources of water pollution just in the Salem watershed. Now the Salem County watershed is 3 miles wide 15 miles long 45 square miles it's easy to identify sources of pollution and I hope that's what Beth, Ben and I can do visually. I think there's only one freeholder right here I don't think Mr. Vanderslice has seen this but I would like you to review that and give it back to me as soon as possible. But anyway I have very high expectations of the new freeholders for Salem County. I'm going to be putting a lot of pressure on you people. We need good clean drinking water. Thank you.

Director Acton stated and I think that plays right into we need a lakes and waterways committee so hopefully I have two people already to serve on that committee so thank you.

Director Acton stated I just have to thank you all for coming tonight. There's going to be times when you're not going to like what we have to say or we can agree to disagree but thank you so much for taking the time out of your schedules to participate, to come show interest in your freeholders in your county government. There's been times and I know all these folks can attest that we might have one or two Ann from Action Packed Alloway comment and maybe one other person so sometimes it's difficult having a room full of people and you get a little nervous but you know it's good. It's good to communicate and as long as we treat each other with respect I think it's healthy and I invite you to our workshop meetings they are at 5:30 before this meeting little less casual they are upstairs. I say casual because we are open and honest with each other and there is a lot of roundtable discussion. With that being said, do we have closed session?

Clerk of the Board Gage responded we do not Director.

Deputy Director Laury motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Freeholder Cross and carried by hand vote 7/0 at 8:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl R. Gage Clerk of the Board